

## Brightest Stars Awards Timeline



Now  
through  
Aug. 30

AIC is sending a news release to media statewide and providing information to every school principal and youth action council in Idaho, inviting them to nominate individuals, businesses and organizations for a Brightest Stars Award. Community members should submit their nominations to your office by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime, you are encouraged to call for nominations from youth and adults in your community. For example, share copies of the nomination form with citizens at community events, or issue a news release or write a letter to the editor personally inviting the community to submit nominations to your office.

You may create an odd-numbered committee to assist you in considering the nominations and selecting finalists to represent your community in the statewide awards campaign.

Sept. 30

As mayor, you are asked to name three finalists – one in each category – to represent your community in the statewide awards campaign. Each finalist will receive a Brightest Stars Certificate from the Governor and will be considered for one of three \$5,000 prizes. In the event that your office does not receive nominations in each category from the community, we urge you to nominate three finalists.

You may announce the names of your city's finalists to your local media. AIC will make available a sample news release that cities can customize to announce and recognize their finalists.

The deadline for mayors to submit their finalists' nomination materials to AIC is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

October

A selection panel will consider the finalists' nomination materials and recommend to the Governor one state winner in each category.

Feb. 2005

At a Brightest Stars ceremony and celebration in the Capitol, the Governor will announce the names of the state's three monetary prize winners and present each with a \$5,000 award. Award certificates will be given to all finalists.